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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS (IMMEDIATE) TO EMBASSIES LONDON
AND PARIS AND TO USMISSION USBERLIN (IMMEDIATE) FOR AMBASSADOR
STOESSEL

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SUBJECT: FOUR-POWER SECURITY CONSULTATIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, THE FRG AGREES TO THE
MODIFIED AGENDA IN REF (A), AND FRG AMBASSADORS ARE BEING
INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT IT IN LONDON AND PARIS THIS
AFTERNOON. THEY WILL CONTACT AMEMBASSIES WHEN ACTION
HAS BEEN TAKEN SO THAT APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING ACTION
CAN BE PROVIDED. END SUMMARY.

1. AS BLECH WAS UNAVAILABLE, EMBOFF SAW DISARMAMENT
COMMISSIONER RUTH THIS MORNING (DECEMBER 2) TO DELIVER
COPY OF REVISED AGENDA AND GO OVER OTHER POINTS IN
REF (A). RUTH EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR
DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT ACTION AND ITS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO
FRG AGENDA SUGGESTIONS.

2. AS TO PROCEDURE FOR GETTING THE PROPOSED AGENDA TO
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THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, RUTH SAID FRG WOULD STILL HAVE
PREFERRED THAT US MAKE THE FIRST APPROACH, GIVEN
OUR SALT ROLE. HE NEVERTHELESS TOOK THE POINT THAT
QUADRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS WERE AN FRG INITIATIVE AND
AGREED, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS HE COULD
REACH BLECH, THAT THE GERMANS WOULD PROCEED AS
SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

3. WE TOLD RUTH THAT EMBASSIES LONDON AND PARIS WERE PREPARED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING ACTION. GIVEN POSSIBLE DELAYS BECAUSE OF NEED FOR RELAYING OUR REPORTING IN NODIS CHANNEL VIA THE DEPARTMENT, WE SUGGESTED THAT FRG AMBASSADORS IN LONDON AND PARIS BE ASKED TO INFORM US EMBASSIES AS SOON AS THEY HAD DELIVERED AGENDA.

4. ON CONTENT OF AGENDA, RUTH WAS AGREEABLE TO ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CHANGES, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. IN THE FIRST TIC UNDER ITEM II.2., HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DELETE ALL OF THE EXAMPLES LISTED IN PARENTHESES. HE HAD IN MIND PARTICULARLY THE INSERTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A REFERENCE TO ER WEAPONS, WHICH AS DEPARTMENT NOTED PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT COME UP FOR DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 7. HIS GUESS WAS THAT A REFERENCE TO ER AT THIS STAGE MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE FRENCH AND THAT, IN GENERAL, THE AGENDA MIGHT BE MORE PALATABLE TO THE FRENCH IF NO EXAMPLES WERE GIVEN.

5. RUTH RAISED QUESTION OF INFORMING BRITISH AND FRENCH OF TODAY'S US-FRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE TOLD OF AMBASSADOR WARNKE'S VISIT AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH WARNKE THIS AFTERNOON HOW THIS WAS TO BE DONE.

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6. RUTH HAS JUST CALLED TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO BLECH. INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOW GOING OUT TO THE FRG EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND PARIS TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED AGENDA IN REF (A), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PORTION IN PARENTHESES UNDER ITEM II.2.

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